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STORY OF A HAT.

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Last night a man snatched a felt hat from a man's head as he was riding in a ricksha in Queen's Road. A policeman chased him and caught him with the hat in his hand. The constable arrested him, but on the way to the station, the prisoner slipped his coat and bolted, leaving the astonished policeman in possession of the jacket and the stolen hat. A report was made by the constable at the police station, and other police went in search of the missing hat thief. He was found near the Kwai Shing theatre, and there he admitted that the jacket belonged to him. Of the hat, however, he told a story. He said that a man who was running away threw it at him. This story justified his re-arrest, and for the unlawful possession of the hat he was fined \$10 or a month in prison by Mr. Hazelton today. Up to the present the police have been unable to find the owner of the hat.

A party of fifteen Chinese, who were landed at Dover from the Calais mail steamer Engadine, have been refused admission into the country, under the Aliens Act, and were sent back to Calais on 26th ult. by the French mail steamer Pas-de-Calais.

The flat racing season at home has closed. The owner of Prince Palantine, Mr. E. Fulkerton, headed the list of winning owners with £25,000, followed by Lord Derby and Mr. W. Stephenson with £18,000 each, whilst Frank Wootton, with 118 victories, beat Maker in the jacket "championship" by nine points. King George won 13 races during the season, valued at some £4,000.

BEWARE OF COLDS.
CHILDREN are much more likely to contract the contagious disease when they have colds. Whooping cough, diphtheria, scarlet fever and consumption are diseases that are often contracted when the child has a cold. This is why all medical authorities say never let a cold get the better of you. You will find much better than China medicine, Cough Honey, to calm a dry cough, and a good emollient and expectorant. It is safe for all children and adults.

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By Order, A. R. LOWE,
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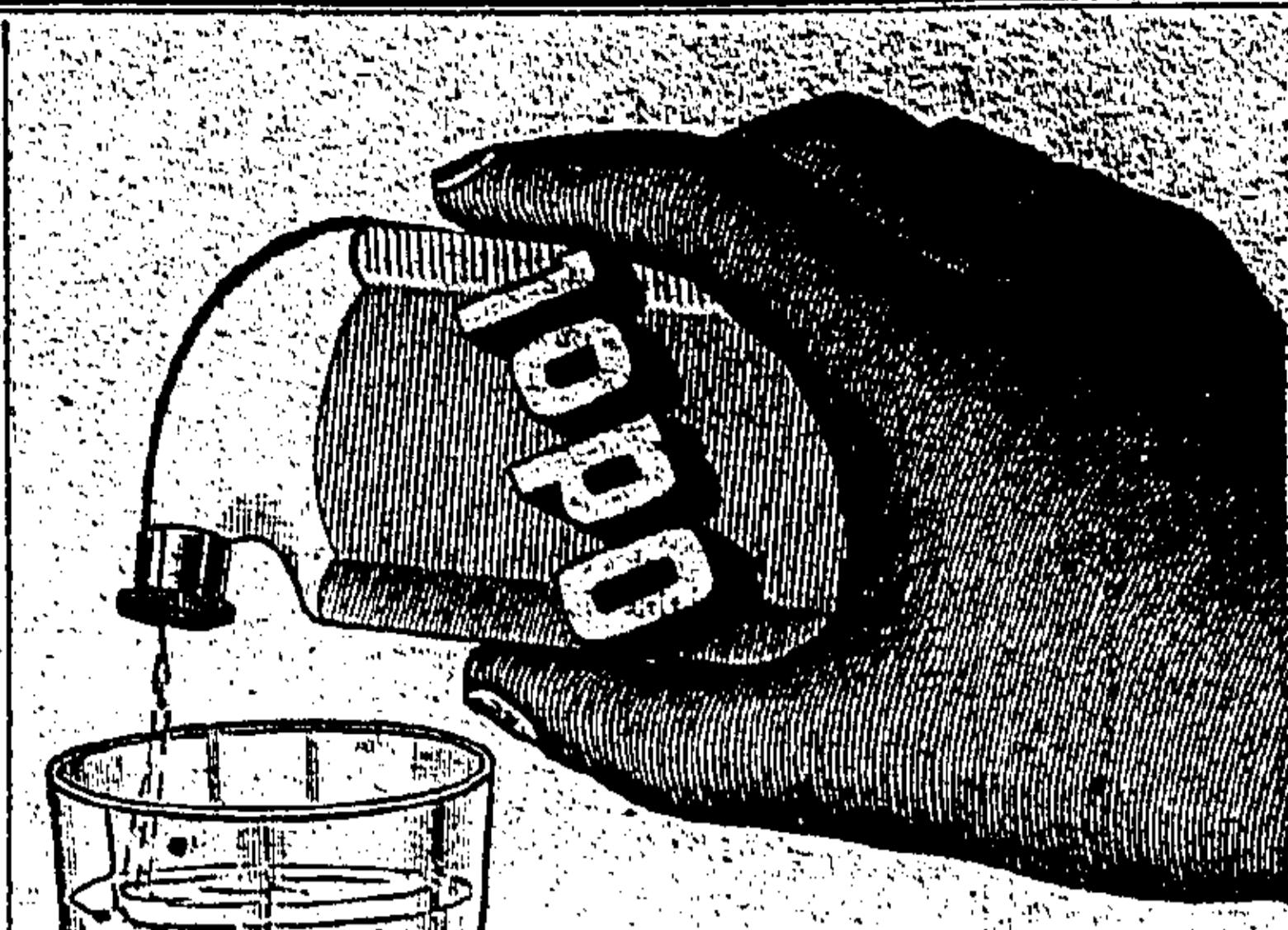
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THE YEAR'S OPIUM TRADE.

The year has been the most critical ever experienced in this market. Considerable fluctuations have occurred, the hampering of the trade by the Revolution causing prices to decline to a very low figure. With the establishment of the Republic prices adjusted themselves and bright hopes were entertained. These were to some extent realized, for trade improved considerably and prices rapidly appreciated to about \$1,200 a chest. As the year progressed, however, and the Republic became more firmly established the government began to harass the trade in foreign opium, while the native drug was allowed to be grown. Towards the close of the year the trade was practically paralyzed owing to the proclamations issued by the Chinese Government in all the provinces harassing the trade and prohibiting smoking. There was a spurt in the market in July, but at present owing to the causes mentioned the market is entirely closed and no reliable quotations can be given. Extraordinarily unfair and disconcerting conditions have prevailed during the period under review. Burning of foreign stock certified by treaty as entitled to unrestricted entrance into China took place in the province of Anhui under official instructions, and recently at Hankow under compulsion foreign opium was returned to Shanghai. To extricate matters provincial mandates have been issued making opium smoking a criminal offence. The Chinese Government has committed the most flagrant acts in violation of treaty rights and in consequence legitimate merchants are confronted with the prospect of enormous losses. The difficulty of their position is increased by the fact that large quantities of smuggled opium are finding their way into the interior. The Indian Government sold during the year 6,700 chests of Bengal opium and 14,500 chests of Malwa opium for shipment to China.

The Persian opium trade has also experienced violent fluctuations and business is now limited to the Formosa market with the exception of a few chests which are now and then smuggled into China.

THE FAR EAST IN PARLIAMENT.

Carlowitz and Company.

(Nov. 25.) Mr. Norman Craig asked the Secretary for Foreign Affairs whether he would state what were the British commercial undertakings in which the greater part of the capital of the German firms of Carlowitz and Co. and Arnold, Körber and Co. were respectively engaged.

Mr. Acland: The information on which the reply was based to the hon. member on 31st ult. is necessarily confidential, and I should not feel justified in making it public.

Mr. Norman Craig also asked the Secretary for Foreign Affairs whether he was aware that the German firm of Carlowitz and Co., directly represented on the Court of Directors of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, upon being sued in the Court of Session in order to compel them to count and reckon in regard to the profits upon their transactions with the Chinese Government between November 23, 1892, and November 23, 1895, denied the jurisdiction of the Court over them, and denied that they had any property or business within the jurisdiction of the Court; whether he was aware that the suit had, in consequence, to be abandoned; and whether he still was satisfied that the greater part of the capital of Carlowitz and Co. was engaged in British trade.

Mr. Acland: I have no information as to the first part of the question, as the hon. member has already been informed on 31st ult.—I am satisfied that the greater part of the capital of Messrs. Carlowitz and Co. is engaged in British trade. I do not, however, see any connection between the two parts of the question.—The London and China Express.

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MATINEES ON ALL HOLIDAYS.

Hongkong, November 2, 1912.

of course the same bad effects. Still, on the whole, we think there is some justice in congratulating China upon her present position. She has had the good sense to appoint Foreign Advisers apparently with the sincere intention of following their advice. She has been able to maintain order, when trouble seemed to be incipient, as witness the smart—perhaps rather summary—decapitation of the three generals who were believed, on the excellent authority of General Li Yuan Hung, to be implicated in treachery. She has been, more or less, successful in borrowing money and almost equally successful in being officially recognised by the Powers. In our opinion, the one serious blot in China's administration has been her non-fulfilment of her obligations to other nations regarding opium. She has been singularly remiss regarding her honour in that respect; and we agree with the "Times" Peking correspondent that the Central Government do not appear to have much control over the Provinces so far as opium is concerned. We are inclined, however, to believe that pressure of the proper kind will soon bring the Government to deal with the Provinces as effectively in this matter as they have been doing with others. Though the progress has neither been striking nor rapid, still it has been satisfactory and we shall enter another year with the optimistic feelings that we have all along entertained for this old country.

The two other events to which we regard as forming part of the most outstanding events of the year were involved in the fact that they both involved the destiny of Turkey. The Italy-Turkey War was of little significance in itself as a world-movement; and to all appearance it does not much matter whether Tripolitania is in the hands of the Italians or the Turks. The Balkan War is quite a different affair; and though we have no hesitation in waiving aside as being as foolish as most predictions the statement that it might lead to the so-called Armageddon, we of course believe that it might be the means of being much more serious than it is. A fact that apparently is forgotten by those who talk or write about an Armageddon as probable is this that there is no European Power to-day which does not thoroughly understand that, whether they lose or win, bankruptcy might easily fall to them rather than an indemnity. Though the Peace proceedings are moving slowly, we believe that the New Year will not have advanced far before the announcement will be made that peace has been proclaimed. This is a belief not a prediction; and we feel sure that it is the hope of all humane people.

THE YEAR 1912.

THE year that has now drawn to a close has been, like its predecessor, remarkable for many events; and many of those events will doubtless have far-reaching effects as they have caused no little commotion during their actual occurrence. Probably the most important events of the year were the continuance of the Revolution in China, the war between Italy and Turkey regarding the possession of Tripolitania and the war between the Balkan States and Greece with Turkey. Of the three most tremendous in its issues is probably China's Revolution. We are, at present,—and we will be for a considerable time yet—too near to that great event properly to estimate with anything approaching certainty, its probable effects. Of it, however, it may be said that it gave an impetus to China's progress in her adoption of Western customs such as nothing in her previous history can be said to have done: for in throwing aside the yoke of the Manchus the Sons of Han did more than resume control—they set China on a course that must ultimately place it among the great commercial nations of the World. In considering China's history during the past year, we think that, on the whole, satisfaction might be expressed by all well-wishers for the country's progress. The country is still as big as it ever was and therefore, particularly in the circumstances as difficult as ever to regulate with ease; the people are, in man, as ignorant as ever, and therefore their actions are still as uncertain as ever. Many of the officials, also, still appear to be reluctant to relinquish the bad old ways of Manchu officialdom, with

NEWS OF THE DAY.

H. M. S. Sandpiper arrived here yesterday.

The direct line from Nagasaki to Yokohama, being interrupted, telegrams for Yokohama are being transmitted via Tokio. Heavy delay on telegrams for these two places is, therefore, unavoidable, states Mr. J. P. Jansen, Acting Superintendent, of the C. N. Telegraph Co., in an express.

It appears that the Peak Hotel has made an important departure in the service of telephones placed at the disposal of their guests. An up-to-date telephone system—the first of its kind in the Far East, it is stated,—has just been installed in Peak Hotel. Every room is provided with a telephone. "Boys" are no longer summoned by means of bells, but by telephone, thus, ensuring prompt service. Every room is in communication with every other room in the hotel and with every department, and as at present there are six main lines connecting with the Telephone Company's system, the resident at the hotel is able to communicate with any part of the Colony without loss of time. One hundred and twenty telephones have been placed in the hotel, and provision has been made for a possible increase of the number up to 160.

SOMETHING DEPENDABLE.

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The police are making inquiries

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Mr. G. Gandy, established second-class draughtsman at Chatham, has been transferred to Hongkong Naval Yard as Inspector of shipwrights.

Nine men were fined \$3 each by Mr. Hasland, as the Magistrate to-day for causing an obstruction by pulling their boats up into Connaught Road West.

The Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company's staff dance takes place this evening at Kowloon Docks at 8.45 p.m. A luncheon will leave Blake Pier at 8.10 p.m.

A London paper states that Mr. Carnegie has offered to provide a pension of £5,000 for ex-Presidents of United States and the widows of Presidents and ex-Presidents.

We have been asked to state that booking for the Court Cards can be done to-morrow during the morning at Messrs. Moutis and Co., sub-tending the afternoon at the Hongkong Hotel.

The 1st Bo. K.O.Y.L.I. completes their training at Sun Wai Camp to-day and return to barracks. The 23th Punjab go into camp at the same place to-day from Rennie's Mills.

The final of the billiard tournament at the Grand Hotel was played off last night, when Mr. McLean met Mr. Martin and beat him by a substantial margin. The first prize was a gold watch, and there are five other prizes.

A first class postman named John O'Neill was reported as missing from H.M.S. Minotaur on the 27th inst. His body was found last night floating in the harbour off the naval camber. The apparent cause of death was drowning.

Twenty-one men were brought before Mr. Hasland on a charge of using No. 1 Ng Fuk Lao as an opium divan. Sergeant Adlington proved the case, and the first defendant for keeping the divan was fined \$250. The remainder were fined \$2 each.

We would remind our readers that to-morrow the eighth Annual Children's Sports are to be held at the King's Park, Kowloon. In another part of this issue we print the programme. Further subscriptions we are told are necessary to cover the expenses.

At the Magistrate this morning a Chinese was charged with being in possession of 275 tael of opium. The seizure was made on the Pacific Mail steamer "Nile" yesterday morning. The opium was contained in 525 tins in a locker. The defendant was fined \$500, or in default three month's imprisonment.

The Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Ruby team were unsuccessful in their match against Haileybury Wanderers at Bruxelles on Nov. 23. The latter rattled up points with comparative ease, seldom giving the Bankers a chance. The home team won in the end by 46 points to 6, their score including five goals and seven tries. The Chartered Bank of India played a good game in their meeting with Guy's Hospital A, and had the best of matters throughout, winning ultimately by 8 points to 6.

Messrs. Lloyd, Matheson and Carruthers' weekly tea report dated December 5th, state with regard to the China market that the extremely low prices now ruling for good quality black leaf Congou has led to rather more business, a fair quantity having changed hands at \$4. @ \$4. per lb. In finer sorts sales have taken place in Keemun from \$8. @ 10d. per lb., showing a very easy market. Foochow.—Only a retail business is passing in Panyang and Soudhang at unsatisfactory rates to importers.

The Filipinos of Hongkong observed the sixteenth anniversary of the death of Dr. Jose Rizal, the Filipino martyr, last night. There was dancing and a concert, and amongst those present were several English ladies. A regimental band provided the music. The following contributed to the musical programme: Misses Dolores Rivas, Veronica Varela, and Neus Mendoza. Messrs. Danenberg, Emilio Vasquez, Hilario Castro, Rafael Mendoza, Criollo Cuena, Antonio Larena, Juan F. Salazar, F. Gonzalez, P. Madrigal, Alejandro Ranea, and Secundino Lopez.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Maitland of Shanghai are passengers for home by the "Kamo Maru," which arrived here from Shanghai to-day.

Mr. C. H. E. Hay, agent for the Union Insurance Society of Canton in Singapore, is a passenger by the "Kamo Maru" which arrived from the colony last night. Mr. Hay was for some time a resident here.

ARMED ROBBERY.

It was reported to the police this afternoon that at one o'clock to-day six armed robbers entered the ground floor of a house, No. 7, A, Chung Lane, a passage leading from Pooleman Street to Hollywood Road. They bound the inmates and got clear away with \$1,000 worth of property. The police are making inquiries

CHEUNG CHAU PIRACY CASE.

Further evidence was taken to-day by Mr. Hasland in the Cheung Chau piracy case, in which two women and a man are charged with being concerned in the attack on Cheung Chau police station.

Mr. P. M. Hodgson, Assistant Crown Solicitor, prosecuted.

Yung Lum, a coffin maker at Lappa island, said a man came to him in August last and asked him to make two coffins. They were for adults, and witness had them sent to a junk which was lying opposite Macao. Witness superintended the removal of the bodies. One of the coffins cost \$30 and the other \$71.

A coffin carrier residing in Macao said that in August last he was engaged by the last witness with three other coolies to carry the coffins from the junk. One of the bodies had a bullet in the right side of the back. With regard to the second body, blood was flowing from the back. Both the bodies were covered with red blankets.

The case was further adjourned.

DISHONEST HOUSE BOY.

Before Mr. Melbourne this morning a man was charged by Rev. Father Filipe, of Fukien, with stealing from a desk in his house on September 18th last a sum of money amounting to \$1,100.

The defendant was arrested by Detective-Sergeant Grant in Hongkong on Christmas Eve. He had been employed as a servant by the priest, who said the boy was found to be staying at six o'clock in the morning. He should have had only 90 cents on him before he went away—the reverend gentleman having \$13 belonging to him. He could not understand where the boy could get money to send photographs to his family, or how he could buy a watch and send money to his home in Toukin. He thought he was correct to assume that the defendant was guilty of the theft of the money.

Detective-Sergeant Grant said there was a further charge against the defendant of having left his employment without giving notice.

The Magistrate said he had no doubt that the defendant committed the theft, but there was not sufficient evidence to conviction.

On the second charge, however, he would be fined \$50 or three months' hard labour.

WITNESS TESTIMONY.

THE COURT CARDS.

HONGKONG IS TREATED TO MANY FORMS OF ENTERTAINMENT DURING THE WINTER SEASON, BUT IT IS A LONG TIME SINCE AN OPPORTUNITY HAS BEEN AFFORDED OF HEARING A PROGRAMME SUCH AS THAT WHICH WILL BE PRESENTED THIS EVENING BY THE COURT CARDS.

BY TELEGRAPH.

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THE WAR.

FIGHTING BETWEEN GREEKS AND TURKS.

LONDON, Dec. 30.
A message from Athens states that fighting continues at Bizani, commanding the road to Janina. Several Turkish attacks on the Greek positions were repulsed.

THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

Reuter learns that the Delegates of the Balkan States are of the opinion that Saturday's Conference weakened the original belief in Turkey's sincerity. It is now felt that Turkey is seeking to gain time in the hope of something turning up to her advantage. Some are convinced that the time has come for the Powers to speak plainly and end the tergiversation. There are hints that the Balkan States will issue an ultimatum if the Turks should prove uncompromising.

AMBASSADORS AND TURKEY.

Agitation in Turkish Army.

A telegram from Constantinople states that most of the Ambassadors have advised the Porte to endeavour to come to terms with the Balkan States. The Russian Ambassador's warning of the danger of delay has, owing to the situation in Asia Minor, disagreeably impressed official circles in view of the agitation in the Army, which, it is believed, is being fostered by the Committee of Union and Progress in favour of the resumption of hostilities.

WHAT ALBANIA WANTS.

Albanian circles disapprove of the Turkish idea of an Ottoman prince for Albania. They want a European with European advisers.

TURKS WANT MORE THAN THEY EXPECT TO GET!

The Turkish Delegates, interviewed by Reuter, admitted that the counter-proposals submitted to the Conference on Saturday embody more than they expected to get, but they are only following the example set by the Allies. The Turks remain apparently adamant on the subject of Adrianople, which they declare to be indispensable to the security of Constantinople and European Turkey. Nevertheless, despite the Turks' outward firmness, it is expected they will submit an amended scheme on Monday on which it will be possible to negotiate.

LATEST MOVE OF THE TURKS.

A message from Constantinople says that as a result of a prolonged Council of Ministers instructions have been sent to the delegates in London to propose a reference of all differences to a Conference of Ambassadors.

THE TURKS AND ADRIANOPOLE.

A semi-official Note was issued at the conclusion of the Council to the effect that while Turkey was animated with a conciliatory spirit and was desirous of the success of the negotiations she can in no circumstances assent to the cession of Adrianople.

THE LATEST DEVELOPMENT.

The Peace Conference re-assembled today, Dr. Danoff presiding. The Turkish delegates stated that their instructions were still incomplete and that further reference to Constantinople would be necessary. The sitting was accordingly adjourned till Wednesday.

The attitude of both sides concerning the future of Adrianople is still most determined. The Balkan delegates, in an interview with Reuter's correspondent, said the Turkish delegates announced at the Conference that in the opinion of the Porte the majority of the questions in dispute should be submitted to the Powers with the exception of that affecting the Turco-Bulgarian frontier, which should be settled between Turkey and Bulgaria.

OBITUARY.

LONDON, Dec. 30.
The death is reported of Mr. Bow, a well-known tradesman.

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THE SIX POWER LOAN.

QUESTIONS IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

LONDON, Dec. 31.
The Hon. Mr. A. D. Acland, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in reply to a question put in the House of Commons by Mr. Ginnell, M. P., said he was unable to give details of the arrangements made between the five banks forming the British section of the Six Power Loan group regarding the division of profits.

Mr. Ginnell asked what interest Russia had in the Group seeing that the Russian section was composed of non-Russian firms?

Mr. Acland replied that it was for Russia to decide whether she was satisfied that the Russian section was representative of Russian interest.

VICEROY OF INDIA.

OUT OF DANGER.

LONDON, Dec. 31.
Reuter's Delhi correspondent telegraphs that the Viceroy is now out of danger though his wounds will take a considerable time to heal.

IRISH HOME RULE.

AMENDMENT TO EXCLUDE ULMER.

LONDON, Dec. 31.
The Unionist members of the Irish party in the House of Commons have written to Mr. Asquith notifying him of their intention to move an amendment to the Home Rule Bill excluding Ulster from its provisions.

They state that though Ulster's exclusion would not reconcile them to the Bill and they approve of Ulster's determination to refuse to submit to the government which it is proposed to establish, they consider it their duty to do their utmost to avert the grave mischief which is threatened. They appeal to the Liberal Party to uphold its traditions of liberty and justice and to give their proposal earnest consideration.

SUDDEN DEATH OF A GERMAN STATESMAN.

LONDON, Dec. 30.
A telegram from Stuttgart states that Count von Kiderlen-Waechter, German Minister for Foreign Affairs, is dead.

[NOTE.—A writer in the "Daily Mail Year Book" states that the Count was called to the helm of the German Foreign Office in the summer of 1910, when his advent on the scene of contemporary diplomacy was hailed at the arrival of a new force in Europe. His death at the present crucial time is likely to be deplored, for he was regarded as an expert on Near East questions. For many years he was resident at Bucharest, which is an ideal outpost from which to observe the political progress of events in the Balkans and Turkey, and it is to be deplored that no one in continental Europe knew the various intricacies of world politics as did the Count. Though a diplomatic career record is almost invariably hostile to British interests, he asserted himself early this year as distinctly opposed to the policy of increasing the naval armaments at the cost of aggravating relations with Great Britain. He allied himself boldy with those who combated the advocates of Germany's limitless Naval expansion.]

Count von Kiderlen-Waechter, who was 80 years of age, had had the usual diplomatic career up to the time he was appointed to Foreign Secretary, serving as attaché and secretary at important capitals like Paris, St. Petersburg, and Constantinople prior to his first Ministerial post at Copenhagen.—Ed. C. M.]

ON CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY.

Count von Kiderlen-Waechter had been spending Christmas with his sister, and had been ill for some days with heart trouble.

THE THAMES VALLEY FLOODED.

LONDON, Dec. 31.
There have been continued rain storms, and the floods in the Thames Valley are assuming alarming proportions, a thousand acres being under water.

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CHINESE NEWS.

PEKING, Dec. 30.
The Six Nation Loan agreement will be signed on January 3, and \$20,000,000 will be handed over as the first instalment.

It is stated that Yau Wai Ching, Secretary of the Foreign Department, will be appointed Chinese Minister in Berlin.

The Russian Minister has protested strongly against the granting of an extension of time to China for the repayment of the instalment of the Boxer Indemnity now coming due, and he and the other Ministers have jointly refused China's request.

The President has submitted to the Cabinet a Scheme for the establishment of Chinese Legations in Mexico, Portugal, Spain and Switzerland.

THE BOXER INDEMNITY.

EXTENSION BY AMERICA AND FRANCE.

PEKING, Dec. 31.
The American and the French Ministers have agreed to an extension of the payment of the Boxer Indemnity.

THE MONGOLIAN QUESTION.

FIGHTING NEAR JEHOL.

PEKING, Dec. 31.
The Governor of Jehol has reported that Mongolian bandits who entered the Chinese territory were repulsed.

A Division of soldiers has been despatched North by the War Department.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE U.S. DYNAMITERS.

LONDON, Dec. 31.
A telegram from Indianapolis states that Ryan, who was President of the Ironworkers' Union and ring-leader of the dynamiting conspiracy, has been sentenced to seven years penal servitude, while thirty-one others received terms ranging from six to one years. Sentences were reserved in the remaining cases.

DOMINIONS AND IMPERIAL COUNCILS.

LONDON, Dec. 31.

In the House of Commons Mr. Asquith announced that Mr. L. Harcourt, Colonial Secretary, recently sent a dispatch to the Dominions with reference to their representations to be admitted to the Councils of the Empire, and he hoped shortly to be able to make a statement on the matter.

REVIEW.

THE STUDIO.

The Studio for November is a notable number, full of articles and illustrations of interest to the lover of art. Dr. Axel Gauthier contributes an ably written notice of Anders Zorn's recent paintings and sculpture, the article being illustrated by ten reproductions, one of which, in colour, is of the artist's "Matus on Christmas Day." Mr. Frank W. Gibson's notice of David Muirhead and his landscape and figure work is another interesting feature. Nine examples of Mr. Muirhead's paintings are illustrated. The development of the open air museum in Norway is traced in a very attractive paper by George Brochner, who evidently approached his task with a wide knowledge of his subject. Mr. Joseph Pennell, who went out to study "The wonder of work" on the Panama Canal, has written a most interesting article upon his experiences and impressions of this great engineering feat. In this article Mr. Pennell has shown that he is no less a master of the pen than of the pencil; his story is vivid and direct, and the lithographs which accompany it are quite in his best style. A notice of the August exhibition at the New Grosvenor Gallery, Studio Talk, Art School Notes and the usual readable discourse by The Lay Figure will also be found in the number.

A FOLLOWER OF INFLUENZA.

A N attack of influenza has been caused at Chicago, by a pseudosubstance which has proved a great dupe. Chamberlain's Remedy has been extensively used, and with good success for the relief and cure of this "cough." Many cases have been cured after other well-known remedies had failed. For sale by all Chemists and druggists.

THE VALUE OF HONGKONG TO THE EMPIRE.

With reference to the reported intention of the Indian Prince to make a gift of a whole squadron of twelve warships to the Empire, a writer in the "London Evening News" recently stated:

The greatness, the very existence even, of our Empire, depends on our retaining control of this highway of the East. It is easy to talk of our great Colonies to open a map and gloat over huge blots of red, South Africa, Australia, Canada. You can find them at once, put your finger on them, and point out to the benighted foreigner how large a slice of the earth we own.

LITTLE RED DOTS.

But Singapore and Hongkong are not so obvious. They are mere dots, really a few square miles, and to the average horseman they seem of little importance. How many thousands Hongkong would it take to fill up the great desert in the centre of the Australian continent?

It would be interesting to give this problem to a child to work out, but it would be even more interesting, far more practical, afterwards to drive home to that child the fact that Hongkong is the greatest port in the world, the brightest jewel in the British Crown, the Clearing House of a hemisphere.

That tiny red dot on the China coast represents more in wealth to us than does the whole of the big red blot which is marked "Australia."

We are proud of Australia, justly proud. It represents one of the achievements of our race; but there is no disguising the fact that if, to-morrow, Australia decided to break away and set up king of its own, or a president, we should suffer very little material loss.

Our pride would be hurt. We should lose faith in the colonial system we have built up so patiently; but the pocket of the nation would not suffer, provided the new Power did not repudiate its financial obligations.

Australian trade would come to us still, because Australia wants to sell things which we are anxious to buy.

But if we lost Hongkong, London—a great part of London, at any rate—would find itself on the verge of bankruptcy.

A LONDON QUESTION.

The Far Eastern trade is one of the main factors, probably The Main Factor, in the business life of the City. The whole of the produce of Asia is dealt with in London. Even though a cargo of tea destined to go to the United States, and eventually goes direct from Singapore to San Francisco, the deal is done in London, brokerage is paid in London, helping to pay the salaries of London clerks.

The Far Eastern trade is immense, overwhelming. And we do it all because we hold the command of the great trade route of the world, because Formosa, Aden, Colombo, Singapore, and Hongkong, the Keys of the East, are ours.

That is the secret of our immense national wealth—we are the keepers of the world's greatest highway.

The Indian Princes realise that, hence the discussion of this magnificent offer of a great fleet. The offer is not mere generosity; it is the highest statesmanship. And it is also a stern and bitter rebuke to our provincialism.

"Never again must we dare to question the patriotism, much less the wisdom, of the great Indian princes.

The scheme may come to nothing, or may be years in bearing fruit, but the lesson of it should remain.

THE PRIZE OF THE WORLD.

After all, the Far East is the Prize of the World. From the very dawn of international history the nations have envied the East.

Alexander understood, as did all those other conquerors who followed him, example—Ghengis Khan, Timour, Mahomet even.

The trade of the Far East is the lure which drew the early Portuguese explorers round the Cape of Good Hope. Prince Henry the Navigator knew how he could make his little country the most wealthy in the world.

Columbus went, not to discover the West Indies, but to find a new route along which the trade of the East might flow to Spain.

Napoleon went to Egypt, because, having the idea of a Suez Canal in his brain, Egypt seemed to him the one thing essential to secure the trade of the East.

We cannot drop this question now that it has been raised in this vivid manner, raised suddenly, emotionally perhaps, as is the way of Eastern peoples. The scheme may come to nothing, so far as the provision of the ships is concerned; but it is our duty to remember the lesson and the warning, and to stop at no sacrifice to maintain what we hold now.

After all, sacrifice is the wrong word. A permanent post guarding the Highway of half the world would be merely the finest, safest form of National Insurance.

JACK JOHNSON'S BRIDE.

Cinematograph Record of the Wedding.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.

Greatest indignation has been caused at Chicago, by the spectacular marriage of Jack Johnson, the notorious negro pugilist, with Lucille Cameron, the nineteen-year-old white girl, whom he was accused of abducting six weeks ago.

The wedding took place at Johnson's public hotel, and was cinematographed by the leading studios.

Following the ceremony, the bride and bridegroom, accompanied by their alliance, a high-class couple, and the author, left the hotel in a motor-car, and high-speed followed the author to Johnson's first wife, who was then a widow.

After being divorced by him, she married and carried him to England.

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DEVANHA 8000	March 1	MARMORA ... 10500	April 29	April 4
DELTA 8000	Mar. 13	MEDIN ... 12500	April 12	April 18
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ASIA 7500	April 12	MACEDONIA ... 10500	May 10	May 16
DEVANHA 8000	April 26	MALWA ... 11200	May 24	May 30
CHINA 8000	May 10	SUNDAY	June 7	June 13
DELTA 8000	May 24	MOLOLTAN ... 10000	June 22	June 29
ASIA 7500	June 7	MOREA ... 10000	July 6	July 12

Passenger Steamer to COLOMBO, and thence for BRINDISI tranship also to the Express Mail Steamer to PORT SAID. Accommodation in the connecting Steamer from COLOMBO is definitely reserved in Hongkong at the time of booking.

TICKETS TO LONDON

1st SALOON £11.10 SINGLE £10.11 RETURN.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS:

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SUNDAY 5000	January 22	Feb. 23	March 5
SARDINA 5000	February 5	March 9	March 19
SOMALI 7000	February 19	March 23	April 2
NAMUR 7000	March 5	April 6	April 16
NANKIN 7000	March 19	April 20	April 30
YANZI 7000	April 2	May 4	May 14
NORE 7000	April 18	May 18	May 28
NILE 7000	April 29	June 3	June 13
	May 14	June 17	June 27

These Steamers call also at SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, and at MARSEILLES, as noted.

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FOR STEAMERS CAPTAIN TO SAIL.

MARSEILLES, VIA PORT CALEDONIEN. — 31st December, at 7 P.M.

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S.S. ALTMARK 3rd Jan.

S.S. SILESIA 14th Jan.

S.S. SUEVIA 27th Jan.

S.S. O.J.D. ABLEES 11th Feb.

S.S. SPEZIA 26th Feb.

S.S. SENEGAMBIA 10th Mar.

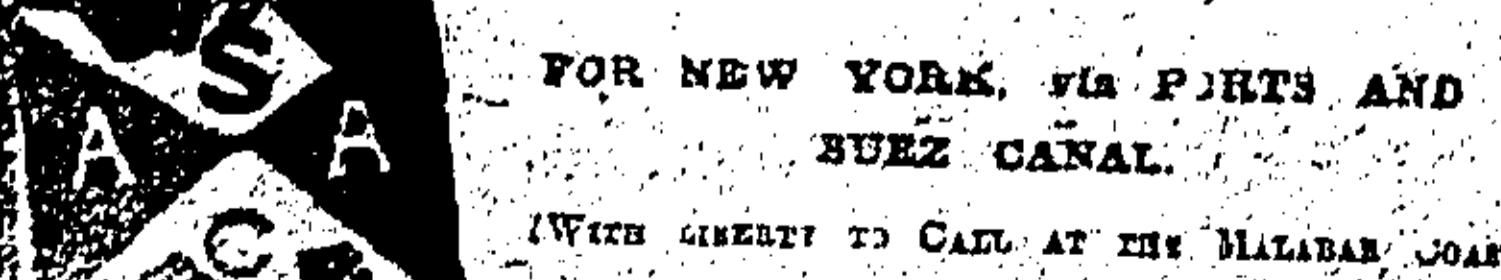
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STEAMERS PASSED SUEZ CANAL

December 3, *Candia*, Indrauadi, Golden
Jai.
December 6, *Jesic*, Montone, Arendia,
Ternachus, Indrauadi.
December 10, *Dundem*, Euphrate.
December 12, *Eukenia*, Peleus Cardini.
December 17, *Bengle*, Japan, Scandia,
Yorong.
December 21, *Achilles*, Antiochus, At-
tala Maru, Giongy, Coben, Iyo Maru,
Paric, Shima, Shonan, Theseus,
York, Burnet, Price.
December 27, *Antenor*, Australian
Giguan, Menana, Tydeus, City of
Baroda.

ARRIVALS FROM CHINA.

December 27, China.

STEAMERS EXPECTED

Maria.
The F. & O. S. Co.'s s.s. *India* with
the English Mail, left Singapore on
Sunday, the 29th December, 8 a.m.,
and is expected to arrive here on Fri-
day, the 3rd January, at 7 a.m. This
packet arrived at the 1st Mail closed
in London for despatch by the all sea
route on the 27th November, and for
despatch overland on the 3rd Dec.

The P. M. S. Co.'s s.s. *Pavia* with
the American Mail, left San Francisco for
this port via Japan and Shanghai on
Saturday, the 21st December.

The L. C. S. N. Co.'s s.s. *Gedion* carrying
the German Mail with dates from Berlin
of the 11th December, left Colombo
on Sunday, the 29th December, p.m.,
and may be expected here on or about
Thursday, the 8th January.

The P. M. S. Co.'s s.s. *Mongolia* ar-
rived at Manila on Friday, the 27th
December between 2 and 4 a.m., and
is expected to leave that port for
Hongkong on Tuesday, the 31st Decem-
ber, between 2 and 4 p.m.

The C. P. R. Co.'s R.M.S. *Montezuma* left
Vancouver for Victoria and Vancouver,
B.C., on Sunday, the 22nd December,
at midnight.

Other Vessels.

The B. I. S. N. Co.'s s.s. *Arragon* Aparo
from Calcutta, left Singapore on the
28th December, p.m., and was ex-
pected here on or about the 30th Decem-
ber.

The India Line Ltd.'s s.s. *Indramayo* left
Sabang on 20th Dec. and is ex-
pected to arrive here from New York
on the 31st December.

The B. I. L. s.s. *Allmark* left Singapore
on the 28th December, a.m., and may
be expected here on or about the 1st
January.

The French s.s. *H. J. Zhou* left Haiphong
on the 28th December for this port,
and due to arrive here on or about
the 1st January.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s s.s. *Candia* left
Singapore for this port on the 27th
December, 8 a.m., and is due here
on the 2nd January, at about 7 a.m.

The A. A. S. N. Co.'s s.s. *Konan Reed*
left Suez Canal on the 3rd December,
and is due here on or about the 3d
January.

The Austrian Lloyd's s.s. *Venezia* left
Singapore for this port on the 28th
December, and is due here on or about
the 4th January.

The Austrian Lloyd's s.s. *Venezia* left
Singapore for this port on the 28th
December, and is due here on or about
the 4th January.

The C. P. Co.'s s.s. *Cayi* left Singapore
for this port on the 27th December,
and may be expected here on or about
the 4th January.

The Dowell and Co.'s s.s. *Polden* arrived
at Boston on the 28th December.

To-day's Advertisements

EIGHTH ANNUAL CHILDREN'S SPORTS

AT KOWLOON CRICKET GROUND,

TO-MORROW,

New Year's Day

COMMENCING
at 2 p.m.

ALL INVITED.

Hongkong, December 31, 1912. 1631

NOTICE.

We have admitted Mr JOHN SCOTT HARSTON & Partner in our firm, as from this date, which will hereafter be carried on under the name of DEACON, LOOKER, DEACON & HARSTON.

DEACON, LOOKER & DEACON, Hongkong, 1st January, 1913.

NOTICE.

MR JOHN SCOTT HARSTON has this day RETIRED from the Firm of EWENS & HARSTON hitherto practising and carrying on business with Solicitors and Notaries Public at Alexandra Building, Des Vœux Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong; and, as on and from the under-mentioned date, the whole of the interest, responsibility and liability of the said JOHN SCOTT HARSTON as a member of the late firm of EWENS & HARSTON has absolutely ceased and determined save and except to the extent of the interest, responsibility and liability of the said JOHN SCOTT HARSTON in respect of the profits and the losses of the said firm of EWENS & HARSTON in regard to work done by the said firm of EWENS & HARSTON prior to the under-mentioned date.

The said JOHN SCOTT HARSTON will on and from the 1st day of January, 1913, become a member of the firm of DEACON, LOOKER & DEACON (which will thenceforth be styled "DEACON, LOOKER, DEACON & HARSTON") and will practise and carry on business at the same address as that at which the said firm of Deacon, Looker & Deacon has hitherto carried on business, viz.: No. 1, Des Vœux Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong.

The business of the late firm of Ewens & Harston will on and from the 1st day of January, 1913, be continued and carried on by LEONARD RONALD NEEDHAM (to whom the said John Scott Harston has except for the purpose of handing up the business of the late firm of Ewens & Harston assigned all his rights and liabilities in regard to the use of the name "Ewens") under the style or firm of "EWENS & NEEDHAM" at the address where the business of the said firm of Ewens & Harston has hitherto been carried on, namely, Alexandra Building, Des Vœux Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong.

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The said JOHN SCOTT HARSTON upon his retirement from the firm of Ewens & Harston, by arrangement made between himself and the said Leonard Ronald Needham, expressly reserved the sole right to act for such of the clients of the said firm of Ewens & Harston as are specified in the schedule to a certain indenture bearing date the 31st day of December, 1912, and made between the said John Scott Harston and the said Leonard Ronald Needham and also to act for and on behalf of such other clients of the said firm of Ewens & Harston as might choose to employ the said John Scott Harston or the said firm of Deacon, Looker, Deacon and Harston for the purpose.

Dated this 31st day of December, 1912.
(Signed) J. SCOTT HARSTON.
(Signed) L. RONALD NEEDHAM.
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PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from Colonel TATTO, to sell by Public Auction on

SATURDAY,
the 11th January, 1913, at 2.30 p.m., at Chater Bungalow "North", Bowdon.

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&c., &c., &c.

THEIR CONTAINED,
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On view day of sale.

TERMS.—As usual.
HUGHES & HOUGE,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, December 31, 1912. 1633

HONGKONG REGISTER.

	1st day 7 a.m.	On demand 6 a.m.	On date of 7 p.m.
Barometer	30.26	30.34	30.28
Temperature	61	52	61
Humidity	53	54	45
Direction of Wind	N	N	W
Force	1	1	2
Pressure	10	10	10
Bar.	1010	1010	1010

Highest temp. air temperature on the 30th Dec.

Lowest temp. air temperature on the 30th Dec.

Mean temp. air temperature on the 30th Dec.